

Listing of claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

Claims 1-2. (Cancelled)

Claim 3. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~—A method for disinfecting contact lenses, wherein said contact lenses are rinsed with~~to use~~ an aqueous ionic solution obtained from sea water, the ionic composition of said solution being~~which is~~ qualitatively that of sea water and quantitatively such that its pH is from 4 to 9 and ~~that its~~ osmolality is from 150 to 700 mOsm/kg., ~~for rinsing contact lenses, in particular those made of hydrophilic materials.~~

Claim 4. (Currently amended) A method ~~Method~~—for disinfecting contact lenses~~to use~~ according to claim 3, wherein the contact lenses are made of hydrophilic materials.

Claim 5. (Currently amended) A method ~~Method~~—for disinfecting contact lenses, wherein said contact lenses are rinsed with~~to use~~ an aqueous ionic solution, said solution having

- a pH value lower than or at most equal to the lowest pH values of sea water,
- an osmolality lower than that of sea water and

- a ionic composition which is qualitatively and quantitatively that of sea water, with the exception that the potassium concentration is higher than that of sea water and that the Na, Mg, Ca and Cl concentrations are lower than those of sea water, said concentrations being

for Na*, from 1300 to 1500 mg/l,

for K*, from 4500 to 6500 mg/l,

for Mg**, from 50 to 1300 mg/l,

for Ca**, from 20 to 350 mg/l,

for Cl*, from 4000 to 6000 mg/l,

for rinsing contact lenses.

Claim 6. (Currently amended) A method ~~Method~~ for disinfecting contact lenses ~~to use~~ according to claim 5, wherein the contact lenses are made of hydrophilic materials.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) A method ~~Method~~ for disinfecting contact lenses according to claim 3, wherein the pH of the aqueous ionic solution is from 7 to 8.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) A method ~~Method~~ for disinfecting contact lenses according to claim 3, wherein the osmolality of the aqueous ionic solution is from 250 to 350 mOsm/kg.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A method ~~Method~~ for
disinfecting contact lenses according to claim 3, wherein the pH
of the aqueous ionic solution is from 7 to 8 and its osmolality
from 250 to 350 mOsm/kg.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) A method ~~Method~~ for
disinfecting contact lenses according to claim 5, wherein the
Na⁺, K⁺, Mg²⁺, Ca²⁺ and Cl⁻ concentrations are respectively

<u>for Na⁺,</u>	from 500 to 1000 mg/l	for Na⁺,
<u>for K⁺,</u>	from 5000 to 6000 mg/l	for K⁺,
<u>for Mg²⁺,</u>	from 100 to 500 mg/l	for Mg²⁺,
<u>for Ca²⁺,</u>	from 40 to 200 mg/l	for Ca²⁺,
<u>for Cl⁻,</u>	from 4500 to 5000 mg/l	for Cl⁻.

Claim 11. (New) A method for disinfecting contact lenses
according to claim 5, wherein the pH of the aqueous ionic
solution is from 7 to 8.

Claim 12. (New) A method for disinfecting contact lenses
according to claim 5, wherein the osmolality of the aqueous ionic
solution is from 250 to 350 mOsm/kg.

Claim 13. (New) A method for disinfecting contact lenses
according to claim 5, wherein the pH of the aqueous ionic

solution is from 7 to 8 and its osmolality from 250 to 350 mOsm/kg.